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OF THE

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FOR

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Officers of the Conference.

Rev. Bishop D. W. CLARK, D. D., President.
JOHN F. SPENCE, Secretary.
J. L. MANN,
Dr. E. ROWLEY,
R. D. BLACK,
JOHN S. PETTY,
} Assistant Secretaries.
Rev. THOS. H. PEARNE, D. D., Reporter.

Brief Abstract of Conference Journal.

FIRST DAY.

The members of the Holston Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Greeneville, Tennessee, on Thursday, May 17th, 1866, at 9 o'clock, A. M., Bishop D. W. Clark presiding. Rev. Dr. Pearne opened the session with reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer.

After an appropriate address by the Bishop, and the calling of the roll by the Secretary of the last year's session, the Conference proceeded at once to the transaction of business.

On motion, Rev. J. F. Spence was re-elected Secretary of Conference, and Brothers Mann, Black and Petty, Assistants.

On motion, the daily sessions were fixed between the hours of 8½, A. M., and 12, M.

On motion of Dr. Pearne, a Nominating Committee was raised, composed of the Presiding Elders and one minister from each District.

The name of R. G. Blackburn was called, character arrested, and a court of thirteen members was raised by the Conference to examine the evidence and try the case.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Trimble, Assistant Secretary of the Missionary Society, Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, Assistant Book Agent, Rev. J. F. Chalfant, Rev. A. A. Gee, Rev. D. J. Holmes, and Gov. W. G. Brownlow, were severally introduced to the Conference.

After which, the Rev. Dr. Trimble occupied the attention of the Conference for a short time in presenting the Missionary cause.

By expiration of time, Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

Conference convened at 8½ o'clock, A. M. Religious services conducted by Rev. F. M. Fanning. Minutes of previous session read and approved. The Chairman of Nominating Committee presented their report, which was adopted.

Examination of first year's course was taken up. J. W. Peace, J. N. Stamper, Philip Chambers, J. E. Moore, D. Carter,

John Mahoney; Committee reported a partial examination, were severally passed, and advanced to the second year, and to pass examination on studies omitted.

On motion, A. R. Wilson was discontinued, he being on trial. J. B. Walker was discontinued at his own request. Rev. J. B. Little was appointed Missionary Treasurer for the Conference.

After the administration of the Lord's Supper, Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

MAY 19th, 1866.

Conference assembled at 8½ o'clock, A. M. The religious services were conducted by Rev. J. F. Chalfant. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Trimble presented a Constitution for a Conference Missionary Society, auxiliary to the Parent Society, which was read and adopted as a whole. The following named persons were elected officers, viz: W. C. Graves, President; Rev. Dr. Pearne, Vice President; J. W. Mann, Secretary; J. B. Little, Treasurer; L. F. Drake, F. M. Fanning, W. Milburn, Managers.

Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, of the Western Book Concern, addressed the Conference with reference to Books and Periodicals.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

FOURTH DAY.

MAY 21st, 1866.

Conference convened at the usual hour. Religious services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Vincent. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

The Conference Court made the following report:

R. G. Blackburn was deposed from the ministry and expelled from the Church; Rev. F. D. Crumley shall no longer be recognized as a minister and member of the Church; and S. D. Gaines is hereby granted the privilege of withdrawing from the Church.

Colonel Jacobs, of General Fisk's staff, and Rev. Rufus Long, of the Church South, were introduced to the Conference.

Committee on time of holding Conference reported, recommending the holding of our Annual Sessions in the fall season of the year. Report adopted.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this Conference present (in rising vote) their hearty thanks to the citizens of Greeneville for the courteous and hospitable manner in which they have been received and entertained during the session of Conference.

After the offering of a number of resolutions—(See Resolutions)—the President made the following announcements:

To preach Missionary Sermon at session of next Conference, F. M. Fanning; alternate A. J. Greer.

The Chair presented the following certificate:

This certifies that on Sabbath, 20th instant, the following named persons were ordained by me in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Greeneville, Tennessee, viz:

Isaac Clark and Rowan Clear, Local Elders; G. M. Hicks, T. S. Walker and S. W. Hyden, Traveling Deacons; and Lemuel Bogart, Wm. Crutchfield, James Snavely, Peter Ogan, Henry Pile, D. A. King, Thomas A. Cass, W. B. Ballenger, G. W. Fraker, J. B. Walker, D. A. Thompson, J. F. Morrison, J. J. Sorrell, James Murphy, J. M. Hill, Samuel Babb, L. Caldwell, John Melear, Dutton Hood and J. F. Evans, Local Deacons.

(Signed) D. W. CLARK.

Greeneville, Tenn., May 21st, 1866.

FOURTH DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

MAY 21st, 3, P. M.

Conference opened with religious services, conducted by Rev. Bro. Patty.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Pearne was appointed a delegate to attend the next annual meeting of Church Extension Society.

On motion, reports of Standing Committees were brought in read and acted upon. (See Reports.)

After which, Bishop D. W. Clark delivered a solemn address, and read the appointments.

Conference adjourned without date.

D. W. CLARK, *President.*

JNO. F. SPENCE, *Secretary.*

Disciplinary Questions.

QUESTION 1st. *What Preachers are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER. John Murphy, Cornelius W. Parker, John W. Yarbrough, William Brewster, J. B. Powell, C. M. Caldwell, W. B. Crutchfield, Thos. A. Cass, James A. Rubel, Jno. S. Petty, G. W. Coleman, John J. Manker, Lemuel Bogart, Thos. R. West, Wm. P. Proffitt, John S. Trull.

Re-admitted as Traveling Elders—F. Wells, D. B. Carter, F. M. Fanning, Willis Ingle, R. W. Patty, A. R. Bennick and J. L. Woodfin were severally received from the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

QUESTION 2d. *Who remain on trial?*
ANSWER. J. P. Milburn and F. P. Rutherford.
QUESTION 3d. *Who are admitted into full connection?*
ANSWER. R. D. Black, R. O. Ayres, W. H. B. Burkett, G. M. Hicks, Thomas S. Walker and S. W. Hyden.
QUESTION 4th. *Who are the Deacons?*
ANSWER. None.
QUESTION 5th. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders?*
ANSWER. None.
QUESTION 6th. *Who have located this year?*
ANSWER. None.
QUESTION 7th. *Who are the supernumerary Preachers?*
ANSWER. E. E. Gillenwaters, S. B. Harwell and J. S. N. Huffaker.
QUESTION 8th. *Who are the superannuated Preachers?*
ANSWER. R. H. Guthrie, D. Fleming and James Cumming.
QUESTION 9th. *Who have been expelled from the connection this year?*
ANSWER. R. G. Blackburn and F. D. Crumley.
QUESTION 10th. *Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?*
ANSWER. S. D. Gaines, under certain charges, by permission of the Conference Committee.
QUESTION 11th. *Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?*
ANSWER. Their names were called over before the Conference, and their characters examined and passed.
QUESTION 12th. *Who have died this year?*
ANSWER. None.
QUESTION 13th. *What is the number of Church members?*
ANSWER. 13,966. Number of probationers, 4,293. Total, 18,259.
QUESTION 14th. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*
ANSWER. Knoxville. Time not given.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Public Worship— L. F. Drake, J. Warthman and J. W. Mann.
Church Extension—Presiding Elders.
Conference Stewards— W. C. Graves, T. S. Walker, J. B. Little, E. Still, J. L. Woodfin.
Education— Prof. P. C. Wilson, Prof. J. F. Spence, A. R. Bennick, W. H. B. Burkett and J. B. Fitzgerald.

Sunday Schools— J. L. Mann, J. N. Moore, John Mahoney, James A. Rubel, J. Trull.

Statistics— J. L. Mann, J. S. Petty, J. Warthman, J. W. Peace, J. L. Woodfin.

Temperance— D. B. Carter, J. W. Stamper, A. J. Greer, P. H. Reed.

Centenary— W. H. Rogers, W. Milburn, Dr. E. Rowley, R. N. Guthrie.

On the State of the Country— T. H. Pearne, J. A. Hyden, L. F. Drake, W. C. Daily.

Auditing Committee— J. P. Milburn, R. O. Ayers, J. B. Little, J. A. Rubel.

On the State of Work— A. J. Greer, W. Ingle, J. W. Peace, J. L. Woodfin, E. Still.

Books and Periodicals—J. F. Spence, R. W. Patty, J. W. Mann, R. D. Black, J. L. Woodfin.

Bible Cause— J. B. Little, G. W. Coleman, G. M. Hicks, W. H. B. Burkett, J. L. Woodfin, S. B. Harwell.

Time of Holding Conference— W. C. Graves, S. W. Hyden, P. Chambers, P. H. Reed, F. M. Fanning.

Wants of Freedmen— A. J. Greer, F. M. Fanning, W. C. Graves.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Committee or Court on case of R. G. Blackburn— W. C. Graves, Chairman, Dr. E. Rowley, Wm. Milburn, W. H. Rogers, J. W. Mann, D. B. Carter, W. R. Young, S. B. Harwell, E. Still, R. H. Guthrie, A. R. Bennick, J. F. Woodfin, P. H. Reed.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION FOR 1867.

To Examine Candidates for Admission on Trial— J. F. Woodfin, A. J. Greer, A. R. Bennick.

First Year's Course— J. W. Mann, J. A. Hyden, A. F. Shannon.

Second Year's Course—T. H. Pearne, J. L. Mann, W. R. Long, T. H. Russell.

Third Year's Course—J. F. Spence, F. M. Fanning, W. C. Daily, Wm. Milburn.

Fourth Year's Course—W. C. Graves, W. H. Rogers, D. B. Carter.

To Examine Candidates for Local Deacon's Orders—L. F. Drake, D. B. Carter, John Forrester.

To Examine for Local Elder's Orders—W. H. Rogers, Willis Ingle, Elijah Still.

Officers of Conference Societies.

CONFERENCE AUXILIARY EXTENSION SOCIETY.

President—R. W. Patty.
Vice President—J. A. Hyden.
Corresponding Secretary—T. H. Pearne.
Treasurer—J. B. Little.
Secretary—J. W. Mann.

MANAGERS—*Ministers*—J. B. Little, F. M. Fanning, W. H. Rogers. J. P. Milburn, L. F. Drake, A. J. Greer, D. B. Carter, E. Still, W. C. Graves, T. H. Russell, R. D. Black, T. S. Walker.
Laymen—Horace Foster, Knoxville; Jas. M. Hoss, Jonesborough; J. R. Stanley, Chattanooga; Capt. S. Bell, Knox county; R. R. Butler, Taylorsville; Milton Philips, Athens; J. C. Hankins, Greeneville; Dr. Cawood, Dandridge; William White, Rogersville; Andrew Hutzell, Athens; John Tate, Panther Springs; George E. Jones, Greeneville.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

Thomas H. Pearne, John F. Spence, J. A. Hyden, W. C. Graves, W. H. Rogers, W. C. Daily, Wm. Milburn—with full power to obtain an act of the Legislature making the Conference a corporate body.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President—W. C. Graves.
Vice President—Rev. Dr. Pearne.
Treasurer—J. B. Little.
Secretary—J. W. Mann.
Managers—L. F. Drake, F. M. Fanning, Wm. Milburn.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

President—W. H. Rogers.
Vice President—J. L. Mann.
Treasurer—R. D. Black.
Secretary—John S. Petty.
Managers—J. B. Little, J. B. Ford, A. J. Greer.

CONSTITUTION OF HOLSTON CONFERENCE AUXILIARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. The title of this Society shall be the Church Extension Society of Holston Conference, auxiliary to the Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, United States of America.

ARTICLE 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist the Parent Society in "enabling the several Annual Conferences to extend and establish their Christian influence throughout the United States and Territories, by aiding, wherever necessary, to secure suitable houses for public worship, and such other Church property as may promote the general design."

ARTICLE 3. The payment of the sum of one dollar per annum shall constitute a member of this Society; the payment of ten dollars or more, at one time, a member for life; and the payment of fifty dollars or more, an honorary manager for life.

ARTICLE 4. The officers of this Society shall consist of President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Recording Secretary.

ARTICLE 5. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of the aforesaid officers, with twelve lay and twelve clerical members of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the bounds of this Conference.

ARTICLE 6. This Society, or the donors to it, "may designate the society or societies to which they desire any part, or the whole, of the donation by them made to be appropriated, which special designation shall be publicly acknowledged by the parent Board; but in the event that more funds shall be raised for any particular society or object than is necessary, or than have been appropriated by the general committee of the parent Board, the surplus shall be at the disposal of the Parent Society for its general purposes."

ARTICLE 7. The Treasurer shall remit funds received by him as early as possible to the Treasurer of the Parent Society.

ARTICLE 8. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at the session of the Annual Conference, at which time the Corresponding Secretary shall submit his annual report, the Treasurer exhibit a certified statement of his accounts, and an election of officers and managers for the ensuing year be held. There shall also be an anniversary meeting of the Society at the same time and place.

ARTICLE 9. This Constitution may be altered or amended in a way not inconsistent with the character of the Parent Society, at any annual meeting, by a vote of a majority of the members present.

CONSTITUTION OF HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

ARTICLE 1. The title of this Association shall be the Sunday School Union of the Holston Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE 2. The objects of this Union shall be to promote the establishment and improvement of Sunday Schools within the bounds of the Conference, and also to co-operate with the General Sunday School Union of the Church.

ARTICLE 3. All members and probationers of the Holston Annual Conference, and all Sunday School Superintendents within the bounds of the Conference shall be regarded as members of this Union.

ARTICLE 4. The officers of this Union shall consist of a President, who shall be the presiding Bishop of the Conference; Vice Presidents—one minister and one layman from each District—all of whom, the President excepted, shall constitute the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools in each Conference, to be nominated by the Presiding Elders.

ARTICLE 5. The anniversary of this Union shall be held at such time and place during the session of the Annual Conference as the Committee on Public Worship, and the Sunday School Committee may determine.

Reports of Committees.

GREENEVILLE, May 21st, 1866.

I hereby certify that the following reports were adopted by the Holston Annual Conference at its session in Greeneville, Tennessee.

JOHN F. SPENCE,
Secretary of Conference.

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee on the Bible Cause beg leave to submit the following report:

It has been made known to your Committee that there exists in the bounds of our work a great need of Bibles and Testaments—growing out of our National troubles—making it impossible for auxiliary Bible Societies to keep on hand a supply. And in most cases these auxiliaries have been compelled to suspend operations, and are in a disorganized condition. Nothing, so far as your Committee can learn, has been collected during the year to supply the wants among the white population or the freedmen. We are, however, pleased to learn that Rev. Mr. Dunaway, General Agent of the American Bible Society has been re-organizing auxiliary Societies and circulating the Scriptures along the Railroad. He has also co-operated with our General Sunday School Agent as far as practicable; but the greater part of our work must remain unsupplied for some time to come, unless some means are employed.

Therefore, your Committee would recommend that the Conference enjoin it upon our ministers to bring this subject before each Quarterly Meeting Conference for the purpose of forming auxiliary societies, and solicit donations to the Bible Cause, and if practicable, have some one appointed by the Quarterly Conference in every charge to distribute the Word of God among the people.

J. B. LITTLE, *Chairman.*
G. W. COLEMAN,
M. H. B. BURKETT.

CENTENARY REPORT.

Your Committee would present the following report:

Whereas, The late General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held in Philadelphia, directed that the Centenary of American Methodism should be celebrated in October, 1866, by all our churches and people, with devout thanksgiving, by special religious services, and liberal thank-offering; and whereas, said Conference indicated two channels in which the thank-offerings of the Church should flow, namely, the Connectional and the Local, as follows: "Two departments of Christian enterprise shall be placed before the people—one Connectional, Central and Monumental, the other Local and Distributive; and all shall be urged to make liberal appropriations to both, according to their own discretion." Therefore,

Resolved 1st, That we heartily approve of the objects set fourth in the above resolution of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Resolved 2d, That we recommend that there be held in each Presiding Elder's District, a district meeting, under the charge of District Committees, which are or shall be appointed, in order to raise funds for the objects above named.

Resolved 3d, That we recommend that one-forth of our contributions be applied to the Connectional, Central and Monumental Department, and the remainder to the cause of Education and Church Extension, under the direction of a committee consisting of an equal number of ministers and laymen appointed by this Conference.

Resolved 4th, That, in our judgment, five thousand dollars is the minimum sum which should be raised in the bounds of our Conference, as our Centenary offering of thanksgiving to God.

Resolved 5th, That the Conference request the Bishop to appoint an agent, who shall act in concert with the Conference Committee above provided for—Connectional and Central Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church—and that the Presiding Elders be a Committee to estimate the amount of his salary.

W. H. ROGERS,
DR. E. ROWLEY,
WM. MILBURN,
R. N. GUTHRIE,
} *Committee.*

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

JONESBOROUGH FEMALE COLLEGE.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following as their report:

Jonesborough Female College, within the last six months, has been put in successful operation through the liberality of the people of Jonesborough and vicinity. Property worth ten thousand dollars was offered to the Conference on the payment of the debt, amounting to six hundred dollars. This sum was promptly subscribed through the efforts of Rev. L. F. Drake, W. H. Rogers, and Prof. Foye. Added to this was a bequest of twelve hundred dollars, which will be available in the course of the ensuing summer.

Having done so much, the people of Jonesborough have a right to expect that this Conference will accept the munificent donation at their hands, and see that the interests committed to them be sustained by a corresponding effort.

Therefore, the Committee, at the instigation of the Trustees, most earnestly commend the Jonesborough Female College, under the presidency of Prof. J. C. Foye, to the patronage of the public, and respectfully request

that Rev. L. F. Drake be permitted to visit the North for a few months in their behalf, provided he can so arrange his work that his departure for a short time shall not be detrimental to the interests of the Church.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

Thomas H. Pearne, John F. Spence, J. L. Mann, J. A. Hyden, L. F. Drake, John S. Petty.

NEW MARKET COLLEGE.

This Institution has also a well organized school. The buildings are much out of repair, but gradual progress is being made toward their compiete refitting. The Committee regret that no fuller statement of the condition of this institution has been laid before them.

Your Committee are of the opinion that it would be both timely and wise for the Conference to obtain a valid title to some institution for males at as early a day as possible, and unite upon that and Jonesborough Female College all their efforts, both at home and abroad. Let these two schools be placed on a firm basis and become a guarantee for the higher education of each sex, while subordinate institutions are allowed to contribute to the local wants of every section of the Conference.

Will not some town in the bounds of the Conference contribute as liberally for the Male School as Jonesborough has for the Female? Your Committee think that the prospect of having a first-class College in their midst ought to, and will call forth, from even enlightened selfishness, (if there be such a quality,) some competition in the offer of inducements, if the subject is properly laid before them.

In view of the immediate want of this institution for males, regularly organized and authorized by the Conference, your Committee respectfully request that the Presiding Elders of the several districts be instructed to act with them in the interim of Conference, in an effort to secure the most eligible point for a first-class Male College, with secure title, and organize there, as early as possible, a preparatory school or academy; and that the Committee have permission to send Prof. Spence, or some other Agent, to the North to solicit aid, acting in this matter as the Conference Trustees of the institution, but without binding the Conference to defray any personal expenses of the committee or their agent.

Rev. Dr. E. Rowley is hereby recommended as President of the Athens Female College, and J. F. Spence to the Knoxville Female Institute.

Respectfully submitted.

P. C. WILSON, *Chairman.*
J. F. SPENCE,
A. R. BENNICK,
M. H. B. BURKETT,
J. F. FITZGERALD,
} *Committee.*

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Your Committee on the State of the Country respectfully submit:

We share the joy of our sister Conferences in witnessing the return of peace to our land, after the years of conflict which have baptized it with

the blood of our bravest and best, and brought darkness and sorrow to so many desolate homes and hearts.

With our sister Conferences we hail with the liveliest satisfaction, the Constitutional amendment, by which slavery is forever prohibited in the United States and Territories, and the adoption of laws supplementing that great act of national right and justice.

We are more than ever convinced of the philosophical, historical, providential and divinely revealed truth that "righteousness exalteth a nation, and sin is a reproach to any people," and we hereby express our invincible purpose to labor in faith for the uprooting of national sins, the bursting asunder of the bonds of prejudice and wickedness, and the uplifting of the masses of our whole people to the plane of justice and right. We stand in close sympathy with, and hold in grateful and prayerful remembrance, the men, in and out of official stations, as well as those in the army and out of it, who have stood loyally by and bravely defended and maintained the priceless heritage of our national unity, integrity and liberty.

On behalf of the Committee,

THOS. H. PEARNE, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON THE WANTS OF THE FREEDMEN.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the condition and wants of the colored people in the bounds of our work, respectfully report—

That there are some two thousand colored people in Knoxville and vicinity, and probably as many as three or four thousand at Chattanooga, and at places of less population their relative numbers are about the same, while all through the rural portions of our bounds there are more or less. These persons need care and assistance to improve them and lead them to Christ.

As a Conference, we are in favor of their religious and intellectual improvement, by establishing schools for their benefit, by gathering them into Sabbath Schools, by giving them special Sunday services, and wherever enough of them can be gathered together, organizing them into Societies and building them up in religious experience and truth. As far as practicable, we advise to supply colored congregations with colored preachers, and to this end the local colored preachers should be trained and qualified, as far as may be, so as to render them efficient and useful to the people of their own race.

We recommend the Presiding Elders and preachers in charge to direct the attention of local colored preachers to suitable books for their reading and study, and to procure the ordination of suitable colored local preachers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. GREER,
F. M. FANNING,
W. C. GRAVES,
} *Committee.*

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance have had the subject under careful consideration, and are deeply impressed that it is not receiving from us that earnest, persevering attention that this crying evil demands of us at the present time.

The painful fact that intemperance is on the increase, is apparent to all. Previous to the commencement of the late war, the friends of Temperance were sanguine of the success of the various movements for the suppression of this fearful vice.

Many bad men have made our troubles a pretext to manufacture and vend ardent spirits, until drunkenness has become fearfully prevalent in all our country, threatening to paralyze the movements and destroy the very life of the Church. Even some of our church members treat Temperance movements with contempt—supplying the distiller with grain, thus aiding and abetting in scattering woe and death throughout our fair land.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend this Conference to enjoin upon all her ministers and members to use their influence to arrest this fearful, growing evil by preaching, as the discipline requires, at least one sermon in each society during the Conference year, upon this subject.

DANIEL B. CARTER,
P. H. REED,
J. N. STAMPER, } *Committee.*

REPORT ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

Your Committee on Church Extension respectfully report:

WHEREAS, The Church Extension Society has appropriated ten thousand dollars to this Conference, which amount is thankfully received, although it is far below the actual necessities of the Conference:

Therefore be it resolved, That five thousand dollars be appropriated to assist in building a church in the city of Knoxville; two thousand dollars to assist in building a church in the town of Cleveland; five hundred dollars to assist in purchasing a lot in Chattanooga; three thousand dollars to pay the debt on the Athens church; three hundred dollars to assist in building a church in Loudon; four hundred dollars to assist in purchasing a church in Louisville; three hundred and forty dollars to assist in paying the debt on the Elizabethton church; eight hundred dollars to assist in paying the debt on the Jonesborough church, and one hundred and fifty dollars to assist in paying the debt on the Rogersville church.

Your committee would respectfully request this Conference to appoint one of its members to attend the annual meeting of the Church Extension Society, and represent the wants of this Conference before the said Society.

In addition to the foregoing, your Committee recommend that the Parent Church Extension Society be requested to appropriate thirty-five hundred dollars from the contingent fund towards erecting a church edifice in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

THOS. H. PEARNE, *Chairman.*

L. F. DRAKE, *Secretary.*

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We regard the Sunday School as one of the most effective agencies for establishing and extending the kingdom of Christ in the world. We believe it to be an integral part of the church, and therefore worthy of our cordial approval, fervent prayers and generous support.

In view of the peculiar character of our work in this Conference, we believe that in no other way can we more successfully advance the cause of Christ and Methodism among us than by developing and vigorously carrying on the Sunday School work. We especially need an increase of intelligence, zeal and tact among our Sunday School teachers. Upon these laborers more than upon any other class depends the success of the system. It will be of lasting advantage to our cause in this Conference, if we succeed this year in giving impulse to our teachers, elevating the standard of spiritual and mental fitness, awaking them to increased earnestness, and supplying them with such facilities as are needed for the thorough prosecution of their work. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we are encouraged by the success during the past year of our District Sunday School conventions, to continue holding them; and that we will urge upon all our ministers and people the importance of a regular attendance upon their sessions.

2. That we commend to our ministers, Sunday School Officers and Teachers, and to our advanced scholars, the excellent periodical published by our concern at New York, entitled, "THE SUNDAY SCHOOL JOURNAL FOR TEACHERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE." This eight paged monthly, prepared in the highest style of the typographic art and so ably edited by the Rev. Daniel Wise, D.D., is furnished at forty cents a year. All over five copies, sent to one address, thirty-five cents per copy. In this connection, we also recommend "THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVOCATE," and the "MONTHLY PICTURE PAPERS," for the use, respectively, of the juvenile and infant departments of the school.

3. That we will extend our work by the organization of new schools wherever practicable.

4. That we recommend the adoption of institute methods of training, as presented by the General Agent of the Sunday School Union, believing that the system is as practicable as it is desirable.

5. That we recommend the appointment of a Sunday School Agent for this Conference.

J. L. MANN,
J. W. MOORE,
JOHN MAHONEY,
JAMES A. RUBEL,
J. TRULL,
Committee.

STEWARD'S REPORT.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS' NAMES.	SALARIES. CLAIMS.	SALARIES. RECEIPTS.	SALARIES. DEFICIENT.	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT,	*Thos. H. Pearne, P. E.,*	$1,575 00	$1,575 00		
Knoxville Station,	J. F. Spence,				
Knoxville Circuit,	Joseph P. Milburn,	400 00	400 00		
Rogersville "	G. M. Hicks,	275 00	158 50	$116 50	
Tazewell "	Wm. Crutchfield,	250 00	202 50	47 50	
Rutledge "	Philip Chambers,	325 00	165 00	160 00	
Jacksboro' "	John Forrester,	500 00	298 44	201 56	
Clinton "	John Mahoney,	480 00	457 00	23 00	
Maynardsville "	Thomas S. Walker,	586 00	330 00	256 00	
Dandridge "	A. J. Greer,	600 00	428 80	171 20	
Sevierville "	Daniel Carter,	400 00	296 00	204 00	
		$5,391 00	$4,311 24	$1,079 76	
ATHENS DISTRICT,	*J. A. Hyden, P. E.,*	$1,000 00	$950 00	$50 00	
Athens Station,	J. W. Mann,	550 00	550 00		
Athens Circuit,	John N. Moore,	500 00	420 00	80 00	
Decatur "	J. W. Peace,	400 00	303 57	96 43	$5 00
Philadelphia "	J. B. Little,	300 00	177 53	122 47	18 00
Madisonville "	J. M. Stamper,	600 00	183 40	416 60	
Madisonville "	T. P. Rutherford,	45 00	45 00		
Little River "	J. D. Lawson,	600 00	414 05	185 95	16 85
Kingston "	S. W. Hyden,	470 00	281 00	189 00	12 00
Montgomery "	—— Hughes,	200 00	93 17	106 83	
Maryville "	T. H. Russell,	500 00	321 00	179 00	2 00
		$3,865 00	$3,738 72	$1,426 23	$63 85
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT,	*W. C. Daily, P. E.,*	$1,050 00	$988 98	$61 72	
Cleveland Station,	J. L. Mann,	350 00	110 00	240 00	
Cleveland Circuit,	A. F. Shannon,	200 00	133 61	66 39	
Benton "	E. Still,	200 00	133 61	66 39	
Charleston "	P. H. Reed,	250 00	196 00	54 00	
Harrison "	J. A. Rubel,	106 00	100 00		
La Fayette "	J. W. Rogers,	40 00	40 00		
		$2,190 00	$1,702 20	$688 50	
JONESBORO' DISTRICT,	*L. F. Drake, P. E.,*	$1,303 00	$1,303 00		
Jonesboro' Station,	R. D. Black,	300 00	300 00		
Jonesboro' Circuit,	R. O. Ayers,	300 00	91 55	$208 45	
Kingsport "	Wm. Milburn,	125 00	23 63	101 37	
Rheatown "	Joseph Milburn,	390 00	150 00	240 00	
Greeneville "	J. W. Warthman,	500 00	330 00	170 00	
Morristown "	W. C. Graves,	300 00	220 00	80 00	
Fall Branch "	George W. Fraker,	400 00	140 00	260 00	
St. Clair "	J. F. Morrison,	350 00	93 85	256 15	
Newport "	J. M. Hill,	300 00	55 00	245 00	
		$4,268 00	$2,707 03	$1,560 37	
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT,	*F. M. Fanning, P. E.,*	$300 00	$55 10	$244 90	
Asheville Circuit,	Wm. R. Long,	162 40	162 40		
Hendersonville "	J. F. Woodfin,	200 00	170 50	29 50	
Transylvania "	John Trull,	135 00	135 00		
Sulphur Spring "	B. F. Wells,	91 40	91 40		
Waynesville "	J. F. Evans,	108 00	108 00		
Murphy "	A. R. Bennick,	250 00	242 25	7 75	
		$1,246 80	$964 65	$282 15	

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	SALARIES.			CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.
	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICIENT.	
Knoxville District, ...	$5,591 00	$4,211 24	$1,379 76	
Athens District, ...	5,165 00	3,738 72	1,426 28	
Chattanooga District, . . .	2,190 00	1,702 20	486 80	
Jonesborough District, . .	4,268 00	2,707 03	1,560 97	
Asheville District, ...	1,246 80	964 65	282 15	
	$18,460 80	$13,323 84	$5,135 96	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE HOLSTON CONFERENCE FOR 1866.

DISTRICTS, CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			
	Full Connection.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Superannuated Preachers.	Missionary Society.	Tract Society.	Am. Bible Society.	S. S. Union.	No. S. Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. Volumes in Library.
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.																			
Knoxville,	125	3	103	1	27	11	1	$2,000				$91 55				2	53	500	400
Knox Circuit,	448	5	135	3	72	81	7	4,200				62 00				7	84	366	832
Maynardville "	345		42	2	12	23	4	2,150				31 25				1	6	25	100
Rutledge "	300		118	3	40	9	8	2,500				5 00				4	22	215	215
Rogersville "	160		60				5	2,750				3 05				3	28	85	116
Sneedville "	100		57	5			2	200											
Tazewell "	332	2	145	7			7	2,275				13 40				1	6	28	
Jacksborough "	186	2	140	3	65	46	8	3,275	1	$500		11 05				7	74	270	
Clinton "	403	1	43	4	40	25	7	1,200				60 50				8	84	275	466
Sevierville "	643	4	54	6	80	33	8	5,900				25 15				8	62	297	460
Dandridge "	591	5	222	5	20	30	13	13,300				55 00				9	63	450	450
ATHENS DISTRICT.																			
Athens,	108	1	36	1	22	10	2	3,000				40 00				2	20	150	200
Athens Circuit,	296	2	68	4	50	10	4	3,750								4	45	150	100
Decatur "	312	3	12	5	35	9	5	1,700								1	5	35	25
Philadelphia "	493	2	87	7			12	7,000			$18 00	5 00				3	26	137	150
Kingston "	291	3	78	2	8	5	5	3,800			12 00	25 26				6	64	298	316
Madisonville "	190		18	2			6	2,050								1	12	53	
Maryville "	566	4	257	2	40	31	10	6,000			2 00	5 00				4	24	120	200
Little River "	505	6	172	4															
Montgomery "	265	2	36	2	8	5	2	300								2	10	50	50
Jamestown "	289		21	1															

JONESBOROUGH DISTRICT.																			
Jonesborough Station,	71		30		15	4	1	3,000				10 00				1	18	130	325
Jonesborough Circuit,	275	1	168	2	19	10	8	3,000	1	800		50 00				7	70	335	400
Greeneville "	348	2	294	1	47	35	1	3,000								12	60	496	323
Rheatown "	503	10	400	4	142	40										11	140	727	715
Morristown "	310		175	2															
St. Clair "	414		170	3												9	30	300	
Kingsport "	321		102				8	3,300								5	40	275	
Taylersville "	562		90	7												3	18	120	120
Fall Branch "	505		315	5	102	20										10	90	480	200
Bristol and Blountville,	402			3															
Newport Circuit,	220	2	180	5	62	12	5	2,000								2	10	400	
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.																			
Chattanooga Station,	100																		
Cleveland Circuit,	75	1	14	4		2										1	10	60	100
Cleveland and Benton Ct.,	662	1	120	6	60	4	4	600				28 00				6	64	206	377
Charleston Circuit,	186		23	1	9	1	5	1,000				10 00							
Ducktown "	230		10	5			6	1,500				4 00				5	24	120	235
Harrison "	190		31	5	80	20	1					10 05				4	40	140	80
Hamilton "	246		60									3 75				3	15	100	
Pikeville and Jasper Ct.,	340		110									16 65							
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.																			
Asheville Circuit,	191		36	3	7	7										4	20	165	
Hendersonville "	180		30	1												2	17	100	
Transylvania "	49		3																
Sulphur Springs "	234			1												1	10	137	
Waynesville "	253		15	7												6	39	351	
Murphy "	100		13	2			2	200								3	13	78	
TOTAL,	13,918	62	4,293	137	1,062	483	159	86,925	2	1300	$32 00	$57281	00	00	00	168	416	8,224	6,955

J. L. MANN,
J. F. WOODFIN,
JOHN S. PETTY,

P. C. WILSON,
A. R. BENNICK, } *Committee.*

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

1st. *Resolved*, That we are encouraged by the success during the past year of our District Sunday School Conventions to continue holding them, and that we will urge upon all our ministers and people the importance of a regular attendance upon their sessions.

2d. *Resolved*, That we will extend our work by the organization of new schools wherever practicable.

3d. *Resolved*, That we recommend the adoption of the Institute methods of training, as presented by the General Agent of the Sunday School Union, believing that the system is as practicable as it is desirable.

Rev. Jesse A. Hyden presented the following:

Resolved, As a body of Christian Ministers, composing the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, we will put forth our best efforts to circulate the Western Christian Advocate, and other Church papers among our people.

The following by Rev. Dr. Pearne:

Resolved, That we have been highly gratified by the visit of our highly esteemed brethren, Rev. J. M. Trimble, D. D., Assistant Missionary Secretary, Rev. J. H. Vincent, General Sunday School Agent, Rev. Luke Hitchcock, D. D., Assistant Agent Western Book Concern, Rev. J. F. Chalfant, Superintendent of Missions in Georgia and Alabama, Rev. A. A. Gee, Superintendent of Missions in Middle Tennessee, Rev. D. J. Holmes, and H. Bairth, of Nashville; and that through their counsels and influence, we have received much good.

The following resolution was presented and put by the Secretary.

Resolved, That we entertain a very profound sense of the value and usefulness of Rev. Bishop Clark's personal assrciation with us, and official administration within our bounds, at our last and present session of Conference, under which growth, coherence and glorious successes have marked our cause in Holston Conference.

Resolved, That the members of Conference be directed to precent their Statistical Reports at our next annual meeting, on the first day of its sessions, and in case of failure to do so, members will be held to answer before the Conference.

Resolved, That the Conference present, (in rising vote,) their hearty thanks to the citizens of Greeneville for the courteous and hospitable manner in which they have been received and entertained during the session of Conference.

APPOINTMENTS.

JONESBOROUGH DISTRICT.

L. F. DRAKE, P. E.

Jonesborough—John S. Petty.
Jonesborough Circuit—A. R. Bennick.
Rheatown—Joseph Milburn.
Greeneville—J. L. Mann.
Greeneville Circuit—Thos. S. Walker, J. B. Fitzgerald.
Fall Branch—To be supplied.
St. Clair—Daniel B. Carter.
Elizabethton—To be supplied.
Taylorsville—H. J. Crumley.
Blountville, Bristol and Abingdon—Willis Ingle.

ROGERSVILLE DISTRICT.

W. C. GRAVES, P. E.

Rogersville—W. H. Rogers.
Sneedville—George M. Hicks.
Tazewell—To be supplied.
Powell's Valley—To be supplied.
Morristown—Lemuel Bogart.
Newport—Jos. L. Caldwell.
Mossy Creek—To be supplied.
Rutledge—Thos. R. West, one to be supplied.
Kingsport—William Milburn.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

THOMAS H. PEARNE, P. E.

Knoxville—J. B. Ford.
East Knoxville—J. J. Manker.
Knoxville Circuit—Joseph Milburn, one to be supplied.
Little River—Daniel Carter.
Sevierville—To be supplied.
Dandridge—Andrew J. Greer.
Maynardville—John Mahoney.
Jacksborough—J. B. Little.
Clinton—R. O. Ayers.
J. F. Spence, President of Knoxville Female Institute, and member of Knoxville Quarterly Conference.

ATHENS DISTRICT.

J. ALBERT HYDEN, P. E.

Athens—R. D. Black.
Athens Circuit—Geo. W. Coleman.
Decatur—William R. Long.
Sewee—John N. Moore.
Loudon—T. H. Russell.
Kingston and Cumberland—S. W. Hyden, one to be supplied.
Montgomery—John Forrester.
Jamestown and Huntsville—T. A. Cass.
Madisonville and Tellico—J. N. Stamper.
Maryville and Louisville—Jas. A. Rubel.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

W. C. DAILY, P. E.

Chattanooga—John W. Mann.
Harrison—P. H. Reed.
Cleveland—J. Warthman.
Cleveland Circuit—A. F. Shannon.
Charleston—P. S. Chambers.
Benton—M. H. B. Burkett.
Ducktown—William P. Proffit.
Hamilton—Elijah Still.
Jasper and Altamont—To be supplied.
Pikeville and Spencer—J. W. Peace.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

F. M. FANNING, P. E.

Asheville—To be supplied.
Catawba—To be supplied.
Sulphur Springs—To be supplied.
Hendersonville—J. F. Woodfin.
Transylvania—John G. Trull.
Waynesville—B. F. Wells.
Webster—To be supplied.
Franklin—To be supplied.
Burnsville—To be supplied.
Fort Emory and Murphy—To be supplied.

J. W. Yarbrough, John H. Murphy, William Brewer, J. B. Powell, C. M. Caldwell, appointed to the Western Georgia and Alabama District.

W. B. Crichlow appointed to the Mission District of Middle Tennessee.